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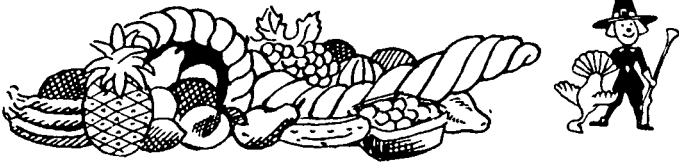
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A THANKSGIVING VACATION BREAK FOR CALPEEK.

We'll be off next week for Thanksgiving, but resume work on Dec. 2nd for **Calpeek's** final issue of the year, which will be dated Dec. 9th. Issue #45 will include predictions for 1997 as well as our *Who's Hot & Who's Not* column. Here's wishing all **Calpeek** readers a very happy Thanksgiving Holiday...



ARE YOU READY FOR CAMPAIGN '98? HERE'S THE VERY EARLY LINEUP ON WHO'S IN THE RUNNING..

Editor's note: It's important to note that there are two factors which could have a major impact on who ultimately decides to run in 1998. 1) There is a federal judge who is now deliberating the fate of Calif.'s term limit law. Our sources think this judge will declare the law unconstitutional, based upon the life time ban provision of running for office once having served. And 2) What will U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein(D) do in 1998? Stay put or run for governor? Given these two factors, here's our early lineup forecast for 1998...

☒ **U.S. Senate** - Haven't heard of any serious Demo challenge to incumbent Sen. Barbara Boxer. On the GOP side, these names have surfaced: San Diego Mayor Susan Golding; CA Treasurer Matt Fong; and U.S. Reps. Chris Cox, David Dreier and Jerry Lewis. What about U.S. Rep. Tom Campbell(R-San Jose)? When he ran for the OPEN 15th CD in that 1995 special, he promised not to run for the Senate in '98...

☒ **Governor** - On the Republican side, Attorney General Dan Lungren apparently has free ride in the primary, with no serious challengers as yet. As for the Demos, the situation is *very fluid*. If Feinstein runs, she won't have a free ride, unless the White House

finds a plum job to entice Lt. Gov. Gray Davis. But assuming that DiFi remains in DC, then the Demo primary will be a messy slugfest, with Davis vs. Controller Kathleen Connell and perhaps current White House COS Leon Panetta (who is coming home to test the waters). And sources say ex IC John Garamendi(D) is making noises once again...

☒ **CA Treasurer** - If Fong gives up his post, then State Sen.-elect Jim Brulte may run here on the GOP side. On the Demo side: former CDP Chair Phil Angelides will make another run - if it's an OPEN seat...

☒ **Attorney General** - Lots of candidates. On the GOP side: Lungren's top deputy, Dave Stirling; plus Orange Co. DA Mike Capizzi and maybe Assemblyman Jan Goldsmith. On the Demo side: State Senators Bill Lockyer & Charles Calderon, and maybe former U.S. Rep. Lynn Schenk. And add to the list independent State Sen. Quentin Kopp of S.F...

☒ **Controller** - If Kathleen Connell runs for governor there will be lots of action for this post, but so far not even a rumor of whom might run here if the job is OPEN. If Connell seeks reelection, she's almost a slam dunk to win a second term...

☒ **Lt. Governor** - On the GOP side, these names have surfaced: State Senators Richard Mountjoy and Tim Leslie; and Orange Co. Sheriff Brad Gates is said to be testing the waters. On the Demo side, Phil Angelides would run here if Fong doesn't move...

...Future political plans of Sec. of State Bill Jones(R) and Insurance Commissioner Chuck Quackenbush(R) are unclear, but **Calpeek** sources believe both want to move up the ladder. And no Demo names have surfaced for either SOS or IC, although some sources

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speculate that Tony Miller, the former Acting SOS and 208 co-author, might want another shot at that job...

...FYI: Other names to watch: GOP State Senators Ken Maddy, Maurice Johannessen and Cathie Wright; BOE Member Johan Klehs(D); and Assemblyman Brooks Firestone(R), who might challenge School Supt. Delaine Eastin. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN '96: ELECTION PICTURE IN BETTER FOCUS, BUT RETURNS ARE NOT YET COMPLETE.

Editor's note: Election results are now almost complete, except for 1 U.S. House race (46th CD), 1 State Senate race (7th SD) and 2 State Assembly races (43rd & 69th ADs). Everything else is pretty much locked away. Here's our update & analysis...

■ **U.S. House** - Before Nov. 5th, the lineup for Calif.'s House delegation was evenly split between the Demos & GOP: 26 each. After Nov. 5th, the lineup is 28(D) vs. 23(R), with the 46th CD not completely decided. Challenger Loretta Sanchez(D) still holds a 665 vote lead over incumbent Bob Dornan(R), with many *provisional ballots* not counted. In other races statewide, provisional ballots have been breaking 3-2 Demo; thus our Orange Co. sources believe Sanchez will hold on...

■ **CA State Senate** - Before the election, there were 22 Demos, 16 GOPers and 2 Independents. The lineup after Nov. 5th is 23(D), 15 (R), 1(indep) and the 7th SD still undecided. The latest count shows Assemblyman Richard Rainey(R) up by 363 votes over Contra Costa Co. Sup. Jeff Smith(D), but about 6,000 ballots were still being counted as **Calpeek** hit deadline. In the 15th SD, Assemblyman Bruce McPherson(R-Santa Cruz) is the winner over Rusty Areias(D).

■ **CA Assembly** - The lineup before Nov. 5th was 41(R), 38(D) and 1(RP). After Nov. 5th the lineup looks like this: 42(D), 36(R) and 2 seats (43rd & 69th ADs) still up in the air. It's a given that Lynne Leach (R) will hold the 15th AD for the GOP. And now, with all provisionals & AVs counted, Demos are claiming a win in the 26th AD, with Dennis Cardoza leading Tom Berryhill(R) by a scant 89 votes. In the 69th AD, GOP Assemblyman Jim Morrissey still holds a 376-vote lead over Demo Lou Correa, but Demo sources think Correa has an outside shot. Our sources give the edge to

Morrissey because: 1) he did an AV program aimed at Hispanic voters; 2) he was one of the few GOP office-holders who opposed Prop. 209...

...In the 43rd AD, GOP candidate John Geranios lost ground to Demo Scott Wildman in the latest count (11/19) and now trails by just 128 votes, with about 18,000 provisional votes left countywide. It's not looking good for Geranios. FYI: claiming credit for helping to defeat Geranios is a group from Glendale who call themselves The Conservative Cabal. They claim they mailed anti-Geranios letters to 2,900 hardline GOP voters and made anti-Geranios calls to 5,000 pro-life GOP households...

...FYI: In the 30th AD, the write-in campaign of former Speaker Brian Setencich(R-Fresno) fell short by some 10,000 votes. Robert Prenter(R), with 36,474 votes, is the winner. Stay tuned...

L.A. DA's RACE: GARCETTI HOLDS NARROW LEAD.

Editor's note: With about 18,000 provisional ballots uncounted, incumbent L.A. Co. DA Gil Garcetti increased his lead over challenger John Lynch and now holds a 4,347 lead as of 11/19. Here's our final update & analysis...

...It's basically over and insiders are predicting Garcetti has narrowly won reelection. Out of more than 2 million ballots cast in this race, Garcetti holds a 50.09% vs. 49.90% lead over Lynch. Insiders aren't asking why Garcetti won, but rather why Lynch lost? --- given the fact that there was a huge amount of anger directed at Garcetti for the way his office screwed up the O.J. Simpson double murder case...

...The answer is fairly obvious: after his surprise runner-up finish in the Mar. 26th primary, Lynch waited about 10 weeks before hiring Rick Taylor as his campaign manager/consultant. And during that 10-week period, there was very little organizational or fund-raising activity. A fatal mistake on Lynch's part...

...Most insiders are in agreement that it was the lack of money which cost Lynch, not his 1-issue (O.J. Simpson case) campaign. From about mid-August on, the Lynch campaign raised the bulk of its funds. Had Lynch fundraiser Charles Sena been brought in sooner, Lynch might have had a shot. Without the money (Garcetti

\$2 million vs. \$415,000 for Lynch), Lynch was unable to undo the negatives of Garcetti's hard-hitting tv blitz. FYI: Had attorney Ted Stein (now running for L.A. City Attorney) decided to go for DA (as he was urged to do by some), there's little doubt he could have pulled it off, given his fundraising abilities. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN '96 POST-MORTEM: CAN THE AMERICAN & CALIFORNIA ELECTION PROCESS BE IMPROVED??

Editor's note: Given the disgraceful voter turnout in the U.S. (49%) and in Calif. (64%), **Calpeek** insiders are still trying to assess what went wrong with *Campaign '96* and what might be done to improve future elections. Here is our analysis & commentary...

☒ **24-Hour Voting Cycle.** There's nothing sacred about the current system, which has the polls opening at 7 a.m. and closing at 8 p.m. A 24-hour cycle gives more people a better opportunity to vote - and thus has the potential to increase turnout. And there's nothing sacred about voting on Tuesday. Why not vote on the weekend, when people don't have to worry about rushing off to work or getting home in time to vote...

☒ **Uniform Poll Closing** - In presidential election years, all polls should close at the same time. Combining uniform poll closing with a 24-hour voting cycle would be the best of all worlds, according to **Calpeek** sources. And uniform poll closing *avoids* calls for a national embargo on election returns...

☒ **3-Day Nominating Conventions** - No more of these 4-6 day, multi-million dollar RNC/DNC presidential nominating conventions. Instead, nominating conventions should be held over a long weekend, with the vp & presidential acceptance speeches delivered in prime time on Sunday. It's easier for the TV networks to cover (at reduced costs) and greatly reduces disruptions and costs for city host committees...

☒ **More Free Broadcast Time** - Not only should there be more free tv time for presidential candidates from the networks, but local tv stations should provide expanded election coverage for a 30-60 day period leading up to election day. A minimum of 10 minutes of political coverage for every 60-minutes worth of news, sports, weather, etc. was suggested by the TV Campaign '96 Coalition. It's a goal, not a mandate. Local tv news executives say political coverage

turns off their viewers, but many of our sources believe local tv stations have an obligation to inform & educate the public about candidates and issues...

☒ **Campaign Finance Reform** - At the federal level, no more foreign money, tighten rules for *soft money*, but raise the amount an individual can donate to federal candidates from \$1,000 to \$2,000. The \$1,000 limit goes back to 1974. Time to upgrade...

...In Calif. voters just approved Prop. 208. It's being challenged in court. It's a bad law, with unreasonably low contribution & spending limits. Sources say a more reasoned approach would be to have CA contribution limits follow federal guidelines --- and if cities & counties want tougher limits, let those jurisdictions draft their own laws...

CA INITIATIVE UPDATE: 208/209 FACE LEGAL TEST.

Editor's note: There's one new initiative in circulation and 2 initiatives approved by voters now face a legal challenge. Here's our brief update...

...The new initiative being circulated is a constitutional amendment titled **Education. Prohibition Against Compulsory Education**. The language is very simple: "education shall be voluntary for each person and that no person is subject to compulsory education." The sponsor is Robert K. Stevenson of Fullerton. He has until Apr. 4, 1997 to collect 693,230 valid names...

◆ **Under legal attack.** So far, two newly approved initiatives are now being challenged as unconstitutional. Prop. 209 (CCRI) is being challenged by the ACLU and sources say the U.S. DOJ is also looking over 209 carefully. Also under legal attack is Prop. 208, the campaign reform measure back by Common Cause. It is being challenged in Federal court (Sacto) by the Calif. Pro-Life Council PAC - which was organized in 1986 and receives most of its money from Howard Fieldstead Ahmanson...

...The L.A. City Council has authorized the L.A. City Attorney to file a legal challenge to Prop. 218 - the Jarvis/Gann IV initiative approved by voters with 56%. However, as **Calpeek** hit deadline, no lawsuit had been filed. Sources for the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Assn., the group which sponsored Prop. 218, are confident that 218 can withstand a legal challenge. Stay tuned...

U.S. REP. CAMPBELL DISCUSSES 105th CONGRESS.

U.S. Rep. Tom Campbell(R-Palo Alto) will discuss the 105th Congress (What Can We Expect?), 11:45 a.m., Dec. 13, Sunnyvale Hilton in Sunnyvale. For info & RSVPs ☎(415)597-6705...

CRA & ALAMEDA CORRIDOR TOPICS FOR SPEECH.

L.A. Councilman Rudy Svorinich Jr. will provide an update on the Alameda Corridor project when he addresses members of the L.A. Current Affairs Forum, 11:30 a.m. reception, 12 noon lunch, Dec. 13, Hyatt Regency Hotel, downtown L.A. For info & RSVPs ☎ Emma Schafer (213)627-7427...

CALPEEK'S INFOBAHN: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

■ **Full Metal Jacket** - Round I in the legal battle over West Hollywood's new law banning the sale of cheap handguns (Saturday Night Specials) goes to the city. Sup. Court Judge David Horowitz threw out a lawsuit seeking to overturn the law filed by the Calif. Rifle & Pistol Assn. CRPA will appeal...

■ **Replacing Sherman on the BOE** - With BOE Member Brad Sherman(D) going off to the 105th Congress, Gov. Pete Wilson now has a vacancy to fill - but such an appointment would have to be approved by the Demo-controlled Legislature. The name we hear most often: soon to be retired State Sen. Bob Beverly(R)...

■ **Running Again** - Former State Sen. Art Torres (D) has moved to S.F. and has announced that he'll run for a full 4-year term as Chair of the Calif. Demo Party. Torres took over the CDP chair after Bill Press resigned earlier this year. Demo sources predict clear sailing for Torres, but **Calpeek** sources see *storm clouds*: let's not forget that the GOP-controlled Congress may want to probe the Cordoba Corp.'s sweetheart deal with the Dept. of Commerce. Torres used to work for Cordoba Corp...

■ **More Problems for Baugh** - No real shock, but on Nov. 19th Assemblyman Scott Baugh(R-Huntington Beach) was arraigned on 5 felony perjury charges and 13 misdemeanor FPPC violations --- all charges refiled after a judge dismissed them earlier this year. The al-

legations arise from the 1995 Doris Allen recall campaign. New news: Brent Romney is the new lead prosecutor in this case - replacing Guy Ormes and John Anderson. Romney is one of the DA's most respected prosecutors. His appointment sends a signal that DA Mike Capizzi is out to win convictions against Baugh and co-defendants Rhonda Camony and Baugh's COS, Maureen Werft. Separate tentative trial dates for Carmony & Werft have been set for Dec. 16th...

■ **Joe Scott vs. Ed Rollins** - It's a rather complex lawsuit, but L.A.-based PA executive Joe Scott is suing GOP political consultant Ed Rollins (+ a NY publishing group and two other writers) in a mega-buck conspiracy and plagiarism actions. Back in 1985, Scott worked on a book (*Rawride*) about Rollins' experience in the Reagan White House. That particular book was never published, but in his lawsuit, Scott says work he developed (for Rollins) were included in Rollins' best seller: *Bare Knuckles and Back Rooms*. The NY law firm of Engel & McCarney is handling Scott's case...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

● A sad note: Former CA Supreme Court Justice Allen Broussard (1981-91) died Nov. 5th after a battle with cancer. He was 67. R.I.P...

● Another sad note: Edward S. Gould, 53, died Nov. 8. He was a member of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS, a prominent philanthropist and gay activist. R.I.P...

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